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Application No.: 10/800,038Docket No.: 1509-490**REMARKS**

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5, 7, and 11-17 remain pending in the application.

Applicant appreciatively notes that claims 11, 12 and 16-17 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, and claims 6, 7, 13, 14 and 15 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 11, 12, 16, 17 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In response, claim 11 has been amended and the rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 8-10, and 18-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as being directed to nonstatutory subject matter. In response, these claims have been canceled and accordingly, this rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 1-5 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Emerick, Charles (Pub. No. US 2003/0084035). In response, claim 1 has been amended and is believed patentable for the reasons discussed below.

The invention system of amended claim 1 is characterized by the global unique identifier.

The global unique identifier of the invention is assigned for an object and is an identifier which indicates the object singly without ambiguity. It is an identifier which is captured from the object with an input device such as a bar code-reader.

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It should accordingly be distinguished from key words, such as words or phrases of human languages, entered in usual information search, which a person enters manually with a key board.

The global unique identifier of the invention, captured from an object, defines or specifies a set of metadata and a description sentence on each of the specified metadata can be researched from the defined metadata.

The text of the paragraphs [0035] and [0036] are reprinted below. Applicant respectfully submits that nothing in either of these two paragraphs has any connection with meta-data with a global unique identifier as contended by the Examiner.

"[0035] Meta-Data: Any data that is associated with a body of content in order to describe the state, disposition, source, destination, or other structured properties of said content. Meta-data can include (but is not limited to) properties such as when a body of content was created, when it was modified, when it was transmitted, who or what authored it, how much storage space it occupies, and links to related content.

[0036] User Query: Information that is manually inputted by a user that consists of parameters defining or indicating what type or form of content said user wishes to find. Additional parameters may be related to the system that processes the user query."

The citation fails to show, in [0035] and [0036] and then other paragraphs, anything about the global unique identifier captured from an object. It is not shown that metadata is specified by the global unique identifier.

In [0035] of the citation, nothing is referred to suggest any connection of meta-data with a global unique identifier.

User Query is shown in [0036] as information that is manually inputted by a user. There is no motivation to suggest that a global unique identifier is captured from an object and a set of

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metadata is specified to search a description sentence in the metadata.

The Examiner is incorrect to contend that "A data search system for searching... and being associated with said object by said global unique identifier" according to the invention is shown in the citation, [0036] and "a metadata store for storing metadata;" according to [0035].

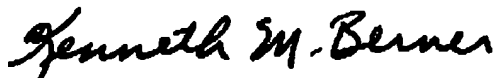
Accordingly, claim 1 is patentable over Emerick, Charles (Pub. No. US 2003/0084035). Claims 2-5 and 10 recite additional, important limitations and should be patentable over Emerick, Charles (Pub. No. US 2003/0084035) for the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 1, as well as on their own merits.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application should be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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